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## Columban Sisters vocation brochure

Missionary Sisters of St. Columban

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*A Journey*

*Into Mission...*

*To The Philippines* . . . In 1939, five Columban Sisters journeyed across the China Sea to open their first mission in the Philippines. Uppermost among the needs of the Filipinos, then and now, was education at all levels. Today, our educational apostolate has widened. Adult education, embracing all areas of life, is seen as a further means of forming solid Christian communities. Their influence in using true Christian principles to solve the many problems of their country, is the hope of the Philippines.

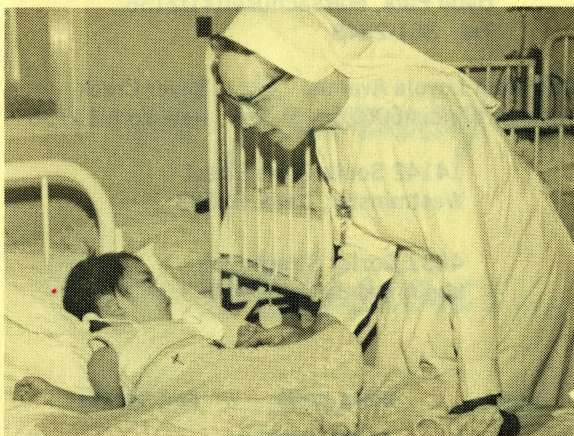


*To Hong Kong* . . . In 1948, Columban Sisters accepted an invitation by the Hong Kong antituberculosis Association to staff Ruttonjee Sanatorium and convalescent home. Today, it is widely recognized as a center for chest research and two Columban Sister-doctors are engaged in this work. A children's Orthopedic Hospital and a Caritas clinic and day nursery are also staffed by the Sisters. Recently, we have gone into the education field here.





*To Korea...* In 1954, Columban Sisters went to Korea at the invitation of Columban Bishop Harold Henry. Curative and preventative medicine is the crying need in Korea, as in all developing countries. T.B., leprosy, malnutrition and poor living conditions are the major enemies against which Columban Sister-doctors and nurses wage war daily, through their clinics, dispensaries and health classes. A nursing school has been erected which trains native girls to serve their people.



## *To Latin America*

PERU . . . Columban Sisters went to Peru in 1962. The most immediate need was for a primary school and clinic to serve the thousands of poor Peruvian Indians who had left their homes in the Andes Mountains, in search of a better life near the city of Lima. Their basic human needs cry out for a response, which has taken many forms—care of the physically handicapped, training programs for local catechists, home-making skills for the women, clinics and health-care programs.



CHILE . . . In 1974, several Columban Sisters went to Chile. Pastoral work among the poor is an urgent need here. Through home visitations, Religious education for both young and old, and self-help projects, the Sisters strive to form vibrant Christian communities, who will work to bring about true human and spiritual growth for all.



## *Who are the Columban Sisters?*

The Columban Sisters are a missionary congregation founded in 1922, to bring Christ's redeeming love to the peoples of Asia and Latin America.

**O**n September 29, 1924, a group of young Irish women made their first vows as Columban Sisters, at Cahiracon on the banks of the Shannon River, Co. Clare, Ireland. Within two years, they were on their way to China, with Father John Blowick, their founder.



Young American women, fired by the same FAITH and LOVE which inspired the pioneer band of Columban Sisters aspire to JOURNEY INTO MISSION, through a life of total dedication and service among the peoples of Korea, Hong Kong, the Philippines and Latin America.

# The Challenge . . .

TO RESTORE ALL THINGS

IN CHRIST

We depend completely on **YOU**.  
to help us carry out this **MISSION**.



Without **YOUR** help,  
many may never know of His saving Love.

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